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1. GOB DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT LISTS CANNABIS AMONG TOXEC SUBSTANCES WHICH MAY NOT BE SOLD EXCEPT UNDER PROPER AUTHORIZATION.
2. GOB HABIT FORMING DRUGS ACT FORBIDS THE POSSESSION OR SALE OF DAGGA (CANNABIS), OR OF THE IMPLEMENTS USED TO SMOKE IT.
3. PENALTY FOR POSSESSION IS USUALLY A VERY SMALL FINE, ASSESSED BY A TRADITIONAL COURT (KOTLA).
4. PENALTY FOR TRAFFICKING, ALTHOUGH SUCH CASES ARE RARE, COULD BE AS MUCH AS SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT.
5. LAWS AGAINST TRAFFICKING ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED, AS IT IS CONSIDERED A SERIOUS CRIME. POSSESSION IS REGARDED MUCH MORE LIGHTLY, SINCE DAGGA (LOCAL NAME MOTOKWANE) IS QUITE COMMONLY GROWN AND CONSUMED BY RURAL BATSWANA, ESPECIALLY BUSHMEN.

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WHILE LACKING THE RELIGIOUS CONNOTATIONS OF THE USE OF PEYOTE OR HALLUCINOGENIC FUNGI BY MEXICAN INDIANS, THE SMOKING OF DAGGA BY BATSWANA IS RATHER MORE TRADITIONAL THAN THE MEXICANS'S USE OF MARIHUANA.
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